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Our Strategic Goal is "Transformative Legal Education and Training in Kenya"



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This is the 4th Monthly issue of the Council of Legal Education Newsletter.

In this issue, we reflect on the valuable achievement that CLE has accomplished in the year. Particularly we look at the CLE's delivery of its core mandate that is Administration of the Bar Examination and regulations of the Legal Education and Training in Kenya.

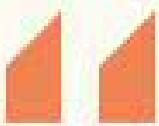
We reflect on the year 2024 and are grateful for the support we have received from all our stakeholders.

Vision

Innovative Legal Professionals Transforming Society

Mission

To ensure quality legal education through responsive regulation and administration of Bar Examination



We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience.

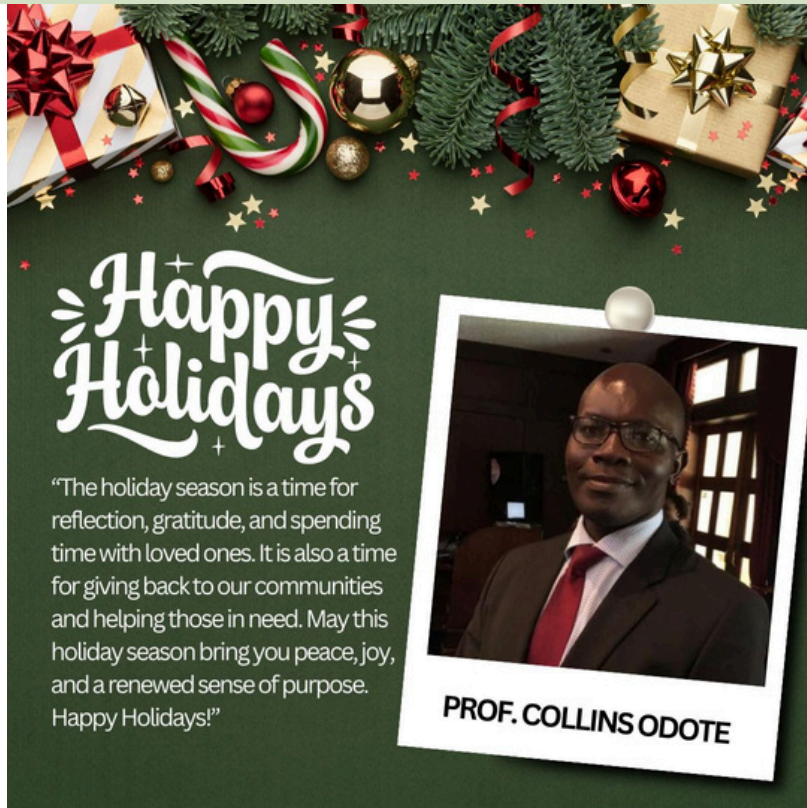
- John Dewey





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Message from Prof. Collins Odote - Chairperson, Council of Legal Education

As we come to the end of the year 2024, the Council can look back to the last twelve months with a sense of satisfaction of the journey the organization has travelled. With the launch of a new strategic plan in April, Council set out on a path of transformation. The release of the Bar exams on 20th December marked a significant milestone in that journey. We will remain faithful to all the targets we have set out in the plan so that we can ensure that the vision of innovative legal professionals transforming society is realized.

We are grateful to all our stakeholders for their collaboration and support. Our commitment is to continuously evolve our systems and processes to ensure that through our regulatory mandate and delivery of credible bar exams we assure high quality legal education in Kenya.

On behalf of the Council and staff at CLE, I wish all of you happy holidays even as we look forward to even greater developments in the legal education space in the next year, one where we will seek to reimagine the sector and its growth trajectory in light of contextual changes in the world.

Merry Christmas and a happy 2025





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Reflecting on the year 2024!

As the year draws to a close, I am reminded of the progress we have made, the challenges we have faced, and the opportunities that are ahead. It is a privilege to reflect on the Council of Legal Education's journey over the past twelve months and share my gratitude for the concerted effort that drives our mission.

2024 has been a year of meaningful advancement. We embarked on initiatives aimed at improving on our mandate. We successfully developed and launched our Strategic plan, initiated and implemented progressive reforms in the preparation and administration of the Bar examination, reviewing standards and guidelines for regulating legal education and training as well as enhancing CLE's image and brand.

These milestones reflect our commitment to equip an innovative legal professional transforming society in line with our vision.

As we get into 2025, our focus remains steadfast to ensure that we achieve transformative legal education and training in Kenya.

With gratitude, we acknowledge that none of our achievements would be possible without the passion of the Council, the dedication of our staff and the support from all our stakeholders. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, HSC - Ag. Secretary/ CEO



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Quality Audit for Legal Education Programs



Session at the Kenyatta University

CLE is mandated by the Legal Education Act CAP 16B to among other functions, supervise the Legal Education Providers who have active licenses. In doing so, CLE conducts regular audits of Universities offering the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) and Master of Laws (LL.M). This mandate is anchored under the Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance Directorate.

Toward the end of November 2024, CLE conducted a series of quality audits for legal education programs across various institutions in Kenya. These comprehensive audits, carried out over three consecutive days in November, demonstrate our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards in legal education.



Inspecting facilities at Law School

The quality assessment exercise covered both postgraduate and undergraduate programs:

Kenyatta University

- Program: Master of Laws (LLM)
- Date: November 27, 2023
- Focus: Comprehensive evaluation of the postgraduate law program.
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UMMA University

- Program: Bachelor of Law and Sharia
- Date: November 28, 2023
- Focus: Assessment of the integrated law and Sharia program.

Strathmore University

- Program: Master of Laws (LLM)
- Date: November 29, 2023
- Focus: Review of the postgraduate law curriculum





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These audits reflect our dedication to ensuring that legal education providers maintain the highest educational standards and continue to produce well-qualified legal professionals. The findings from these assessments will contribute to the ongoing development and enhancement of legal education in Kenya.

The audit reports are currently being finalized and recommendations will be shared with the respective institutions in due course.

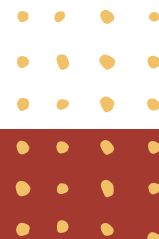
2024 KENET Annual Heads of Institutions Forum



Heads of Various institution,

CLE is pleased to have been invited to the **Annual Heads of Institutions Forum**, that took place from December 4-6, 2024, at the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, Mombasa.

The forum provided a platform for candid discussion on the digital transformation journey across various member institutions.





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Bar Examination Results



Council of Legal Education administers examination to all registered candidates upon successful completion of the nine-unit Advocates' Training Programme (ATP). Candidates undertake a three (3) hour written examination in each of the following ATP units:

- ATP 100; Civil Litigation
- ATP 101; Criminal Litigation
- ATP 102; Probate and Administration
- ATP 103; Legal Writing and Drafting
- ATP 104; Trial Advocacy
- ATP 105; Professional Ethics
- ATP 106; Legal Practice Management
- ATP 107; Conveyancing
- ATP 108; Commercial Transactions

After successful administration and marking of the November 2024 ATP Examination, Council approved the release of the November 2024 ATP examination results. For the first time, since the year 2015, the release of the examination happened after four (4) weeks after the conclusion of the examination. The exercise involved marking, moderation and verification of the examination results.

The Reforms Agenda

Council has embarked on a journey of reformation of the management of bar Examination. In the November 2024, Council, for the first time, released the examination results before Christmas! It is worth mentioning that, the early release of examination results is in line with our commitment in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, to reform the administration and management of the bar examination.

To enhance transparency, the following reforms were implemented in the November 2024 examination:

- Release of examination results to individual candidate portal.
- Examination result slips.
- Performance per question.
- Detailed communique from Council with detailed analysis of the examination results.





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Analysis of Examination Results

BAR EXAM RESULTS 2024

Congratulations to the November 2024 ATP Examination candidates. This was the catchphrase in the public communique released by the Council on Friday 20th December 2024. The performance in the November 2024 ATP Examination was marked by an improvement, with seven hundred and sixteen (716) regular candidates passing in all the nine (9) units obtaining 9 Ps. This was an improvement from November 2023, in which six hundred and sixty-four (664) regular candidates passed in all the nine units.

Examination Results at a Glance

November 2023

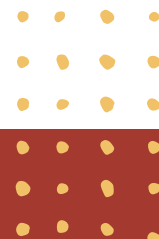
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November 2024

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Value Added Progress

- **52 more candidates passed in November 2024 than in November 2023.**



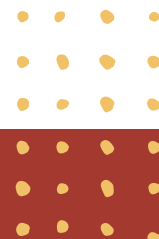
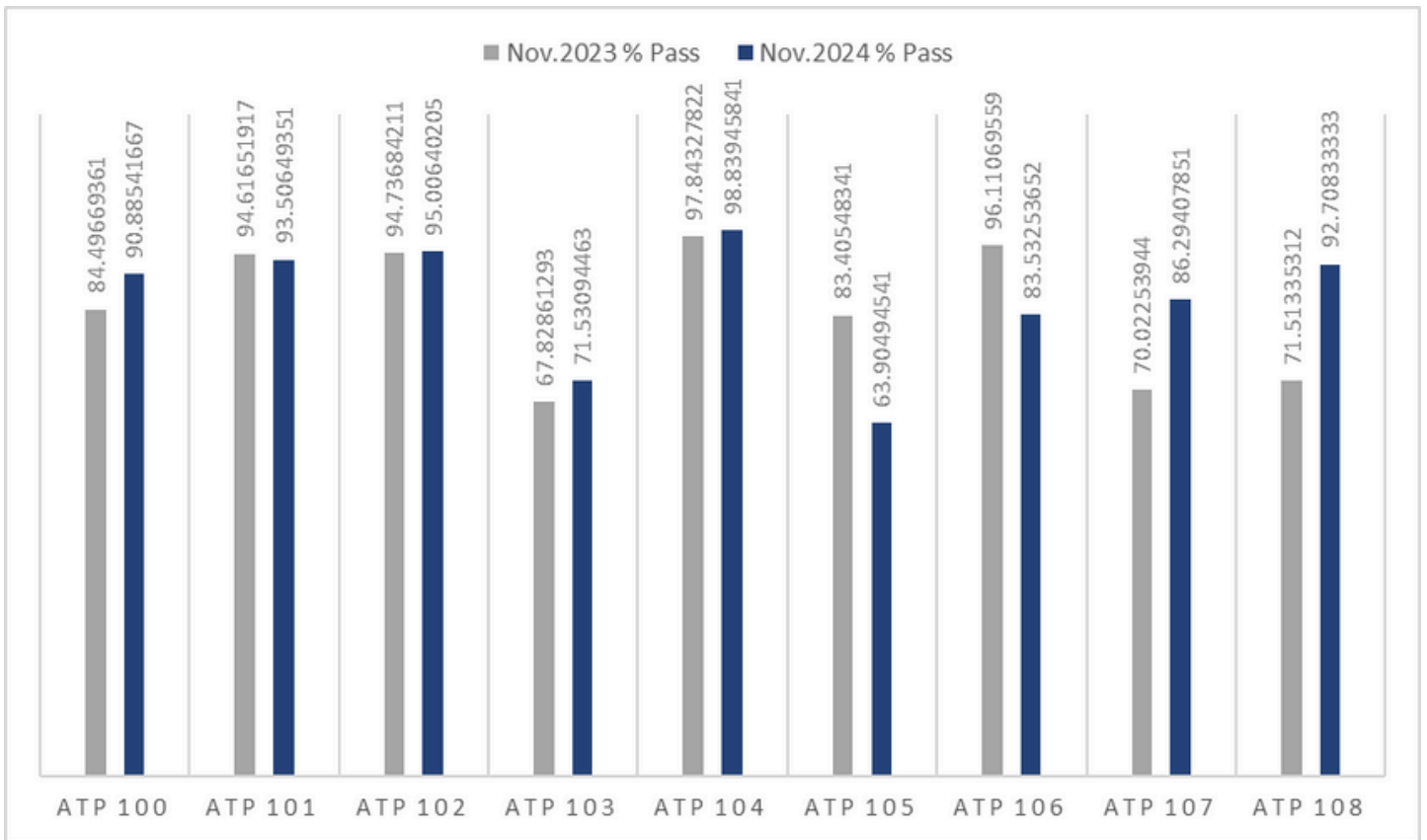


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Comparison of Performance

a) Summary of Regular Candidates' Performance: November 2023 and 2024



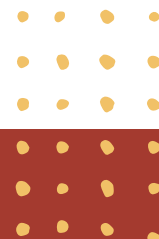
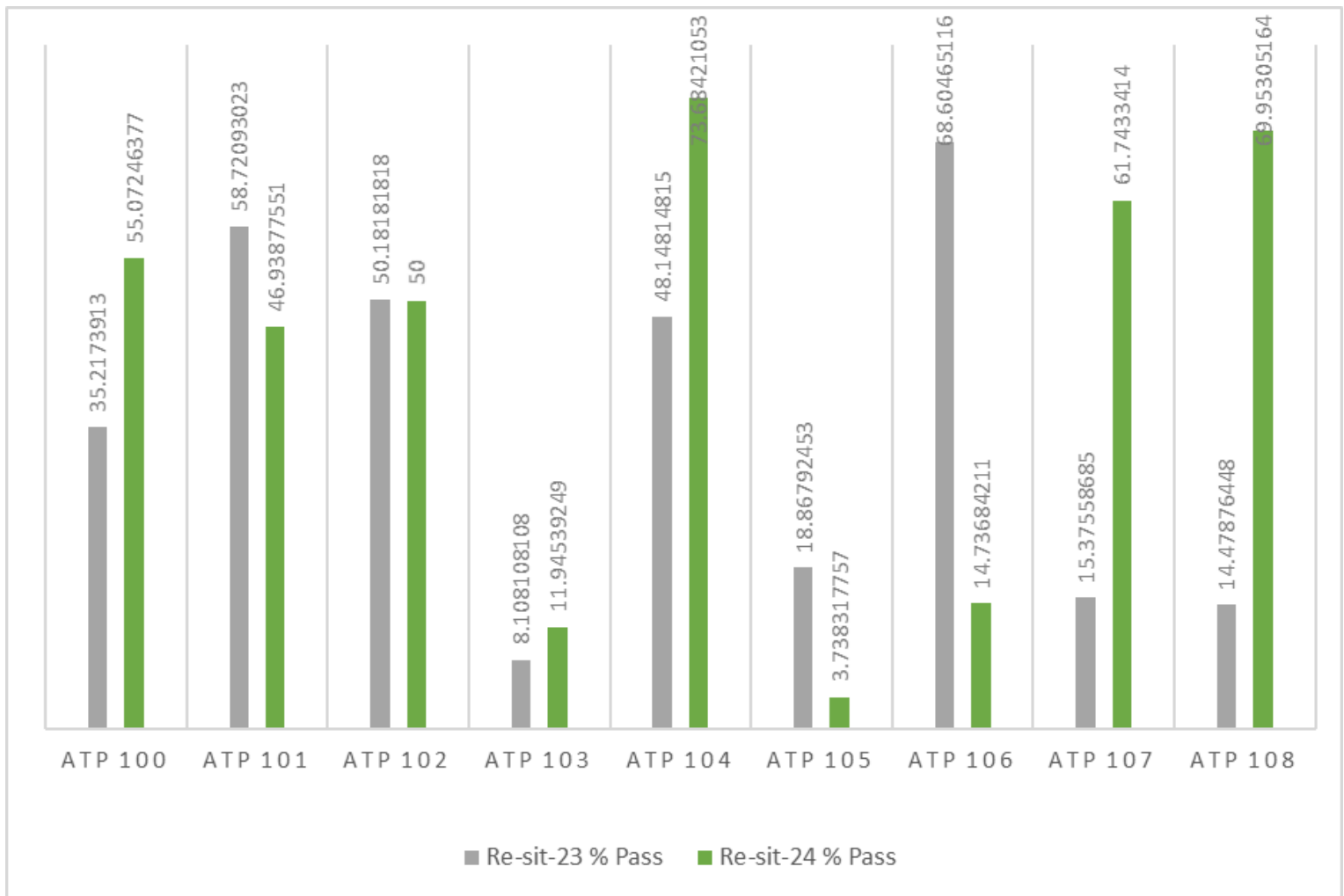


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Comparison of Performance

b) Summary of Re-sit Candidates' Performance: November 2023 and 2024





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Performance Contract - Evaluation for the 2023/24

CLE has embarked on preparations for external evaluation/moderation of its FY 2023/24 Performance Contract (PC).

At the beginning of the 2023/24 FY Council signed a Performance Contract with the Attorney General according to the 20th cycle performance contract guidelines. During the cycle, the Council committed through the Contract to implement several transformative programs and key activities aligned with its Strategic Plan 2023-2027. The programs are aimed at enhancing the quality of legal education and training and are in line with the key Government Policy blueprints, including Kenya Vision 2030, the fourth Medium Term Plan, and the Bottom-up Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The PC was based on six (6) core categories: financial stewardship, service delivery, core mandates, implementation of presidential directives, affirmative action in procurement, and cross-cutting issues. Each category comprises of specific indicators and targets which will be rigorously evaluated against the results achieved.



Self-evaluation conducted internally in preparations for the major external moderation indicates remarkable improvement from the previous financial year. The specialized agencies spearheading various cross-cutting indicators have already conducted evaluations and ranked CLE as follows:

Indicator	CLE Performance
National Transport and Safety Authority	100%
Productivity Mainstreaming	100%
National Cohesion and Values	100%
Science Technology and Innovation	100%
Resolution of Public Complaints	100%

We are confident that we will make significant improvements once external moderation is conducted, we will meet our composite score target of 2.80 "Very Good" an improvement from 3.17 "good" recorded during the 2022/23 financial year.

CLE appreciates the participatory process of performance evaluation since it allows reflection on the performance, analyzing factors that influence and affect the performance, areas of weakness and strengths as well as identifying opportunities that can be harnessed to enhance service delivery.



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60th Anniversary of Kenya's Diplomatic Journey Celebrations at KICC



CLE was privilege to have been invited to the 60th Anniversary of Kenya's Diplomatic Journey Celebrations at KICC

The event whose keynote address was delivered by His Excellency the Prime Cabinet Secretary, Hon Musalia Mudavadi had in attendance pioneering Kenyan ambassadors who received awards and were ecstatic about the journey that has brought Kenya to the pinnacle of global positioning and recognition in matters diplomacy including the fact that the Kenya hosts the only UN organization (UNEP) outside of Europe and America.

He noted that Kenya's diplomatic journey remained instrumental in shaping the country's identity on the global stage notwithstanding the achievements and lessons learned over the decades. The Prime CS further observed that as the country introspects into its history, Kenya remains committed to existing partnerships and will continue to explore new avenues for collaboration. Kenya recognizes that effective diplomacy plays a crucial role in national development.





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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year







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